Time Stamps in Data Files

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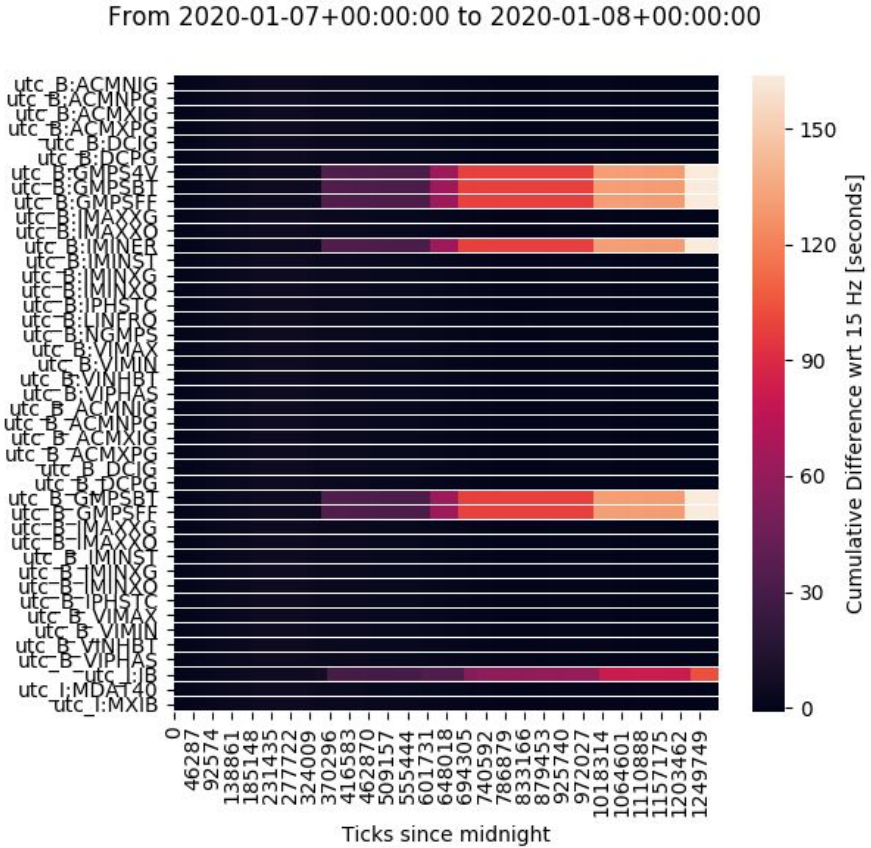
Compare to naive 15 Hz reference. Example: Jan 7



For all parameters in the data, compare time stamps to a naive, 64-bit-precise 15 Hz reference.

Certain **outlier** parameters' variation dominates, setting the color scale.

<u>>150 s in 24 hr</u>

Hard to see any structure to the **inliers**.

Following is an initial investigation into this behavior in our data.

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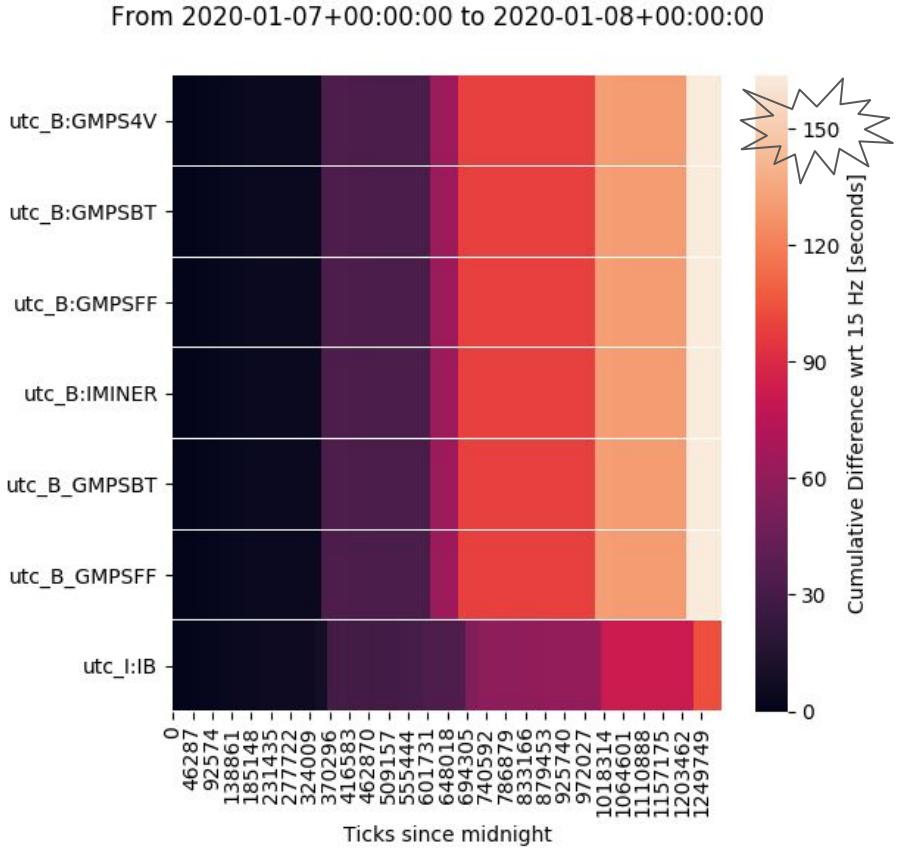
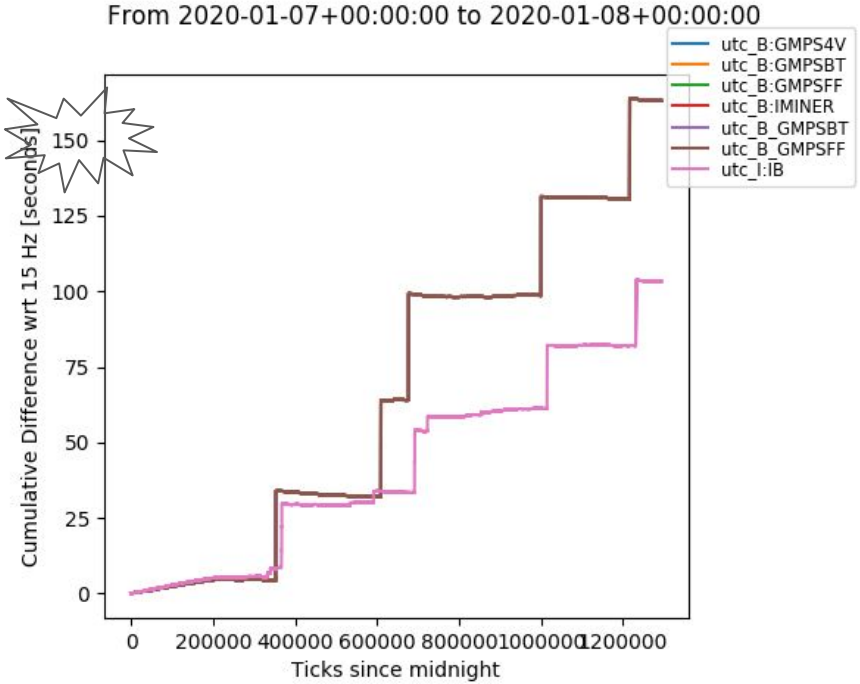


Outliers only. Collective jumps (I:IB solo)
Also as line plot:



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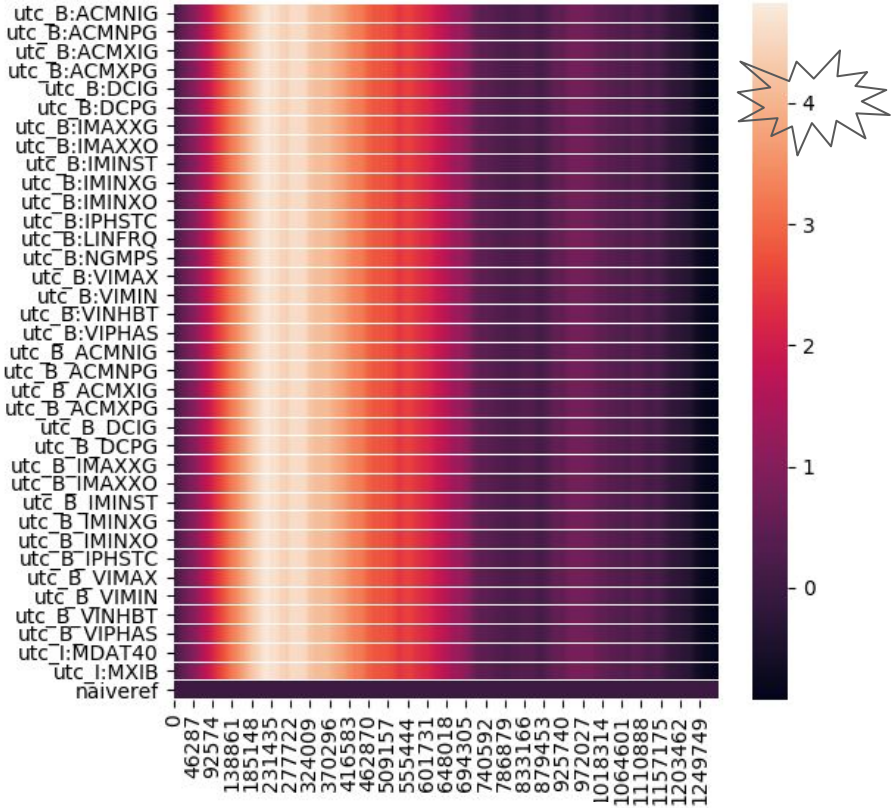

Ticks since midnight

Inliers only. Collective drifting.
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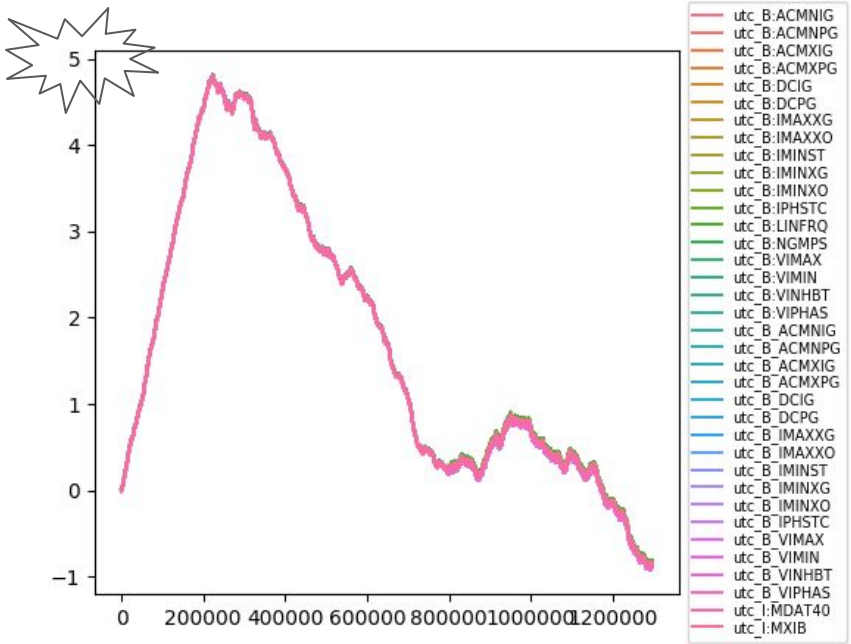
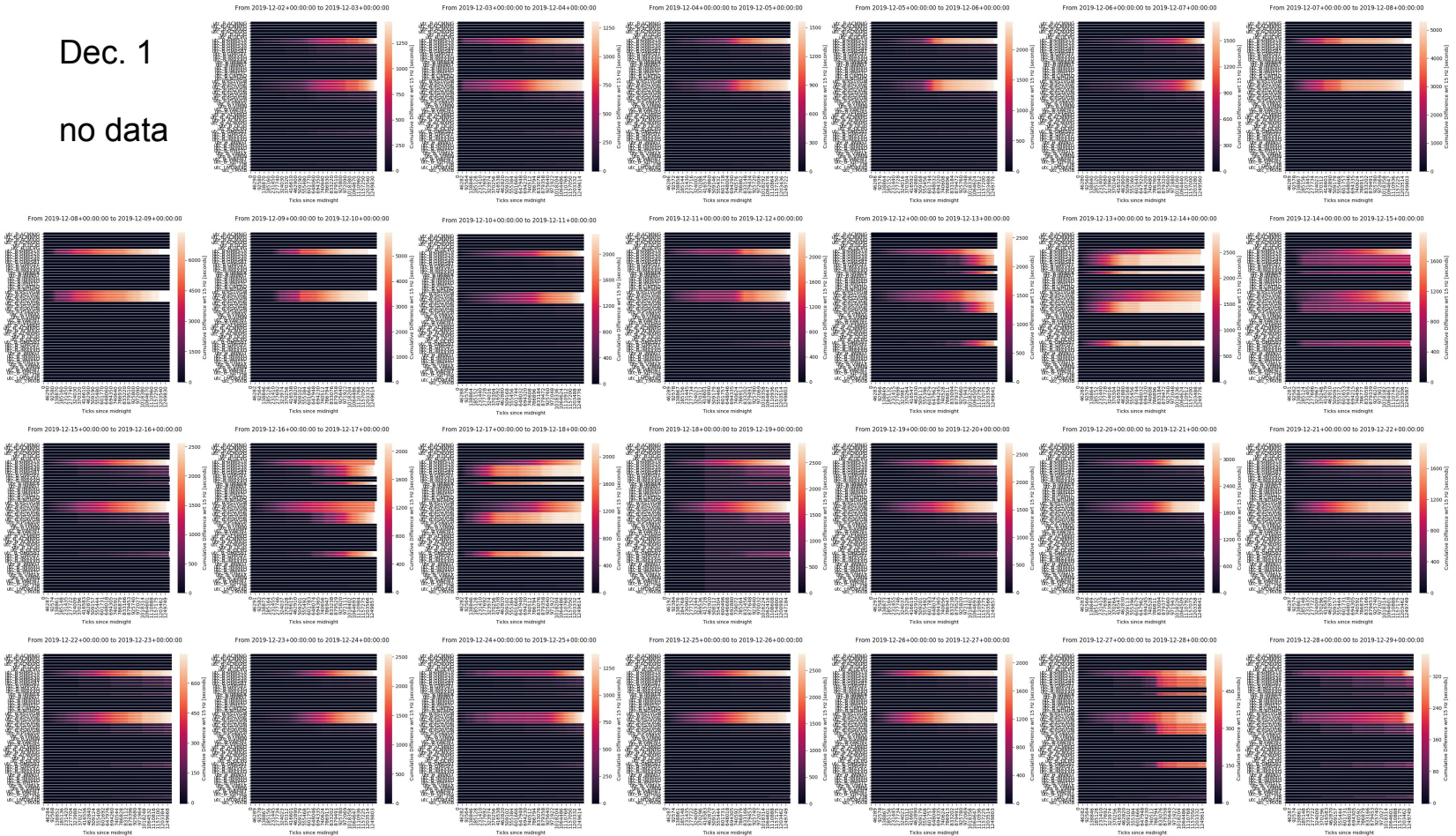


Ticks since midnight

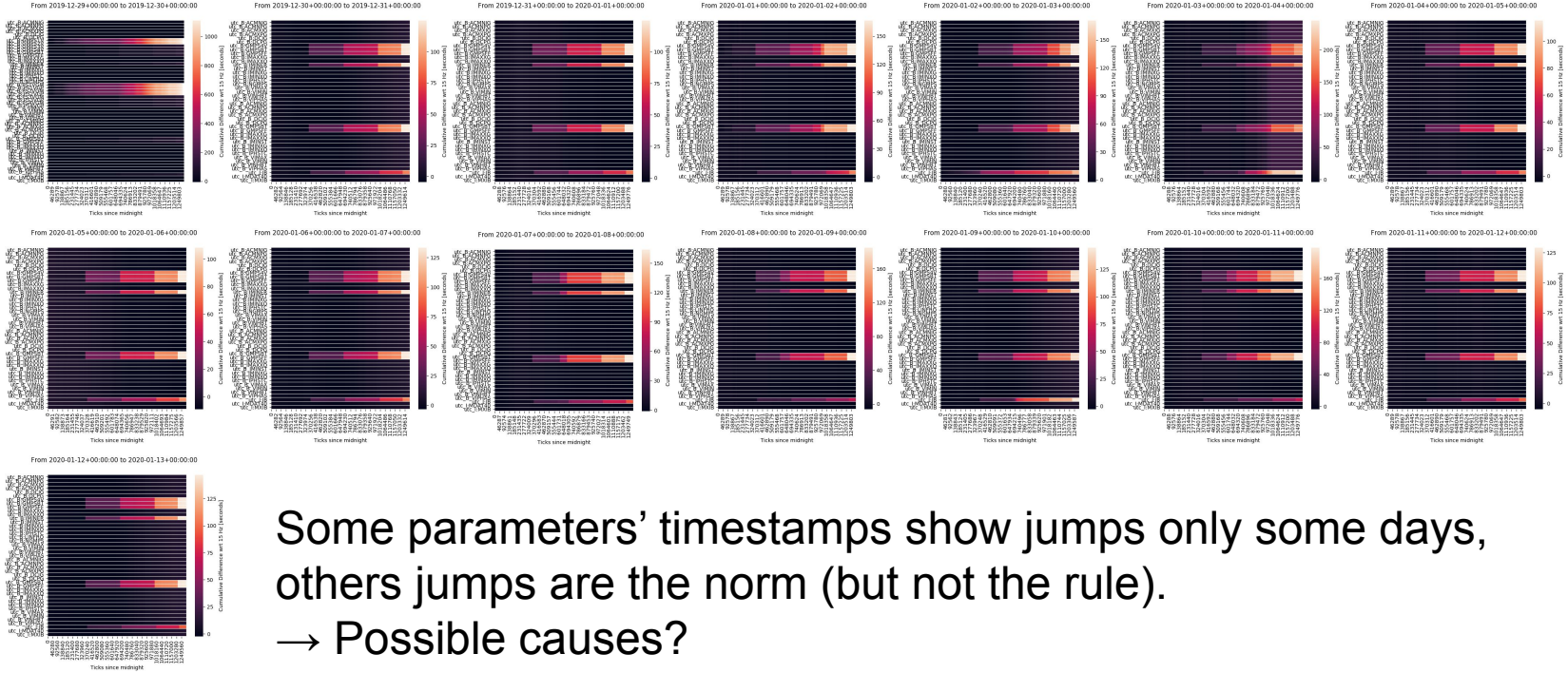
OK was that a typical day? Here's 12-1 to 12-30

Dec. 1

no data



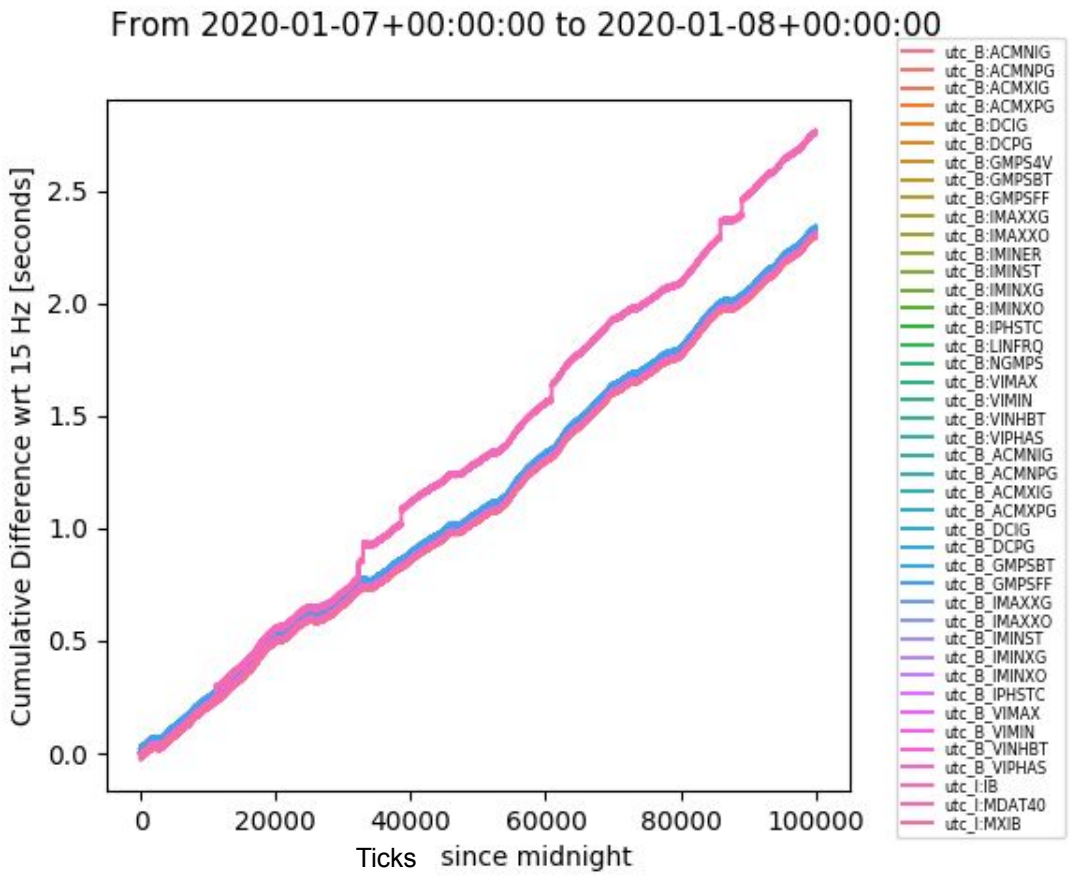
OK was that a typical day? Here's 12-1 to 12-12



Some parameters' timestamps show jumps only some days, others jumps are the norm (but not the rule).
→ Possible causes?

How would we (/should we) best keep tabs on this, in an automated monitoring system?

Fine time structure, too: (Example: Jan 7)



100,000 seconds

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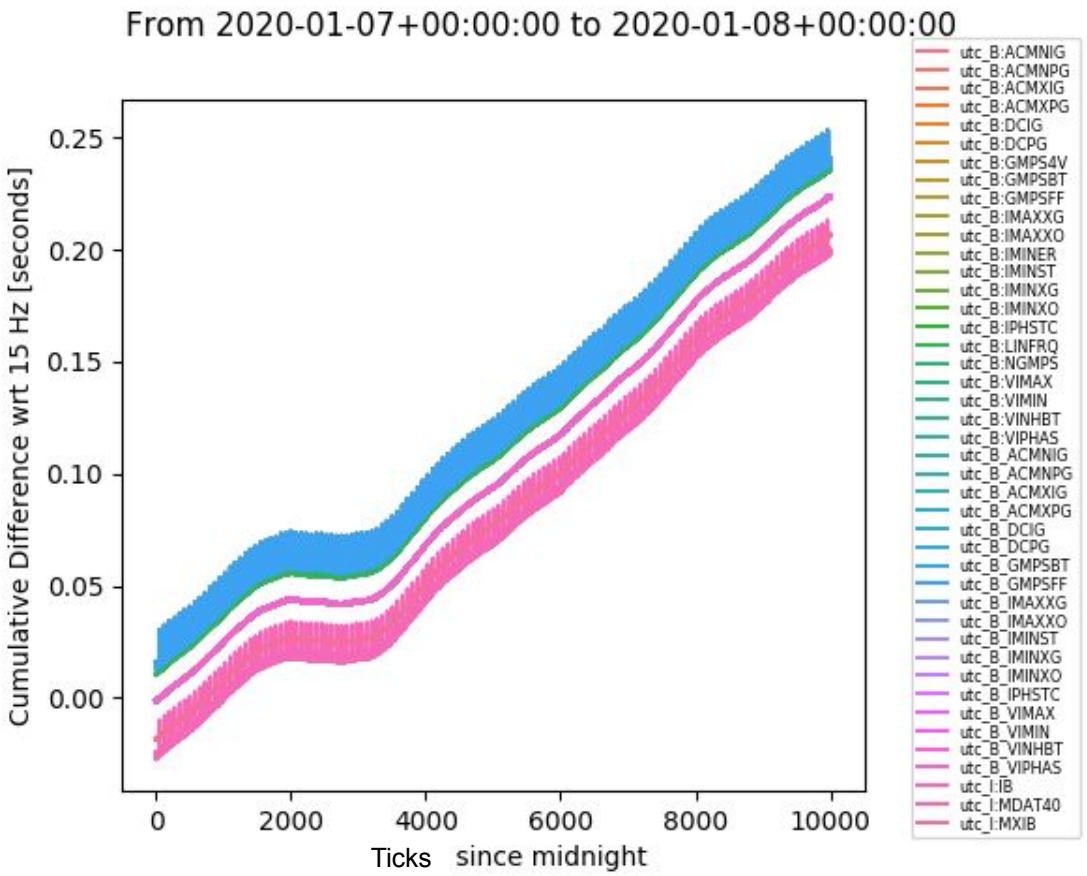

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Collective drift has impact on all parameters, even those subject to apparent jumps.

So how are the jumping channels special?

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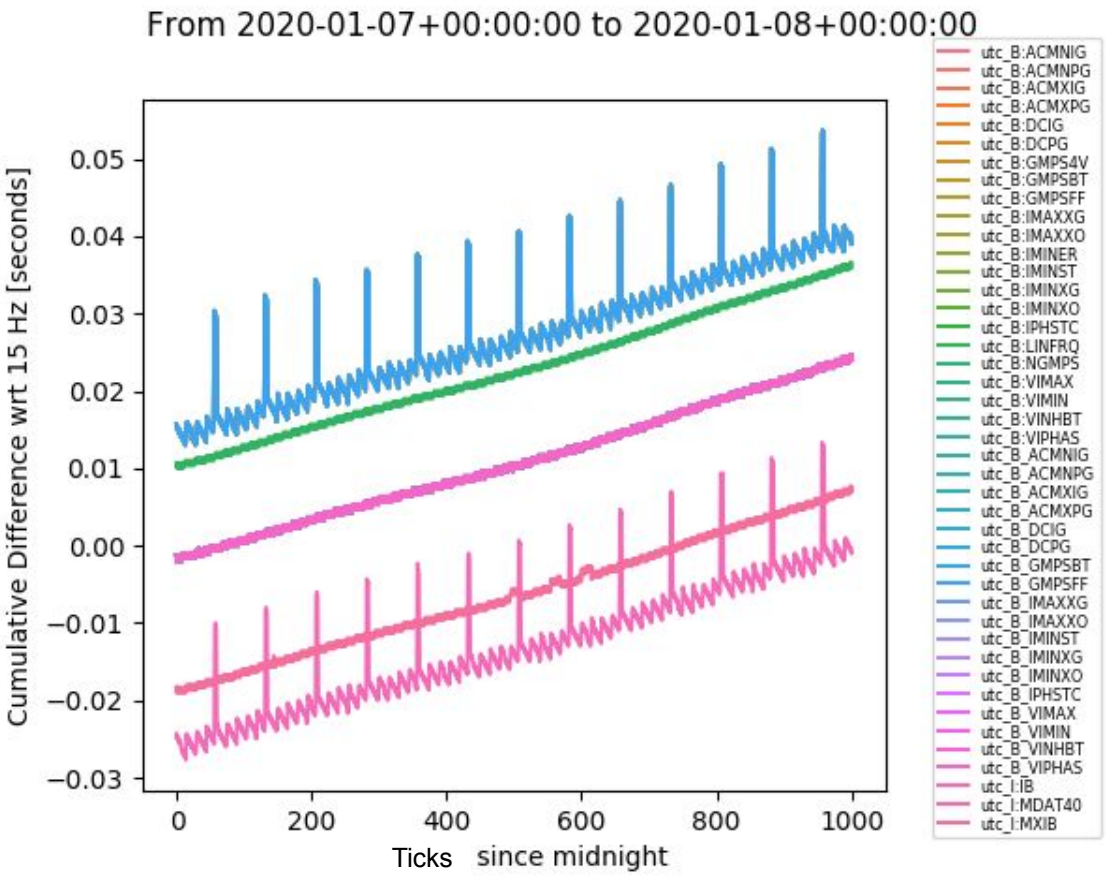

1,000 seconds

Periodic spikes (jump, then reversal) ~0.015 s lasting several 15 Hz ticks

Plus quicker sawtooth ~0.002 s

Implications for operating (and training!) LSTM nets

- Jumps & drifts: Entirely an artifact of how Logger & whole system work together?
  - *Or* would an online data customer really see any of this variation in parameter value update times?
  - Want to get it right:
    Net training environment should mimic operation environment closely.
- At the very least, we could feed the time (epoch µs for instance) as part of the input vector?
- Does the value of B:LINFRQ predict this? Especially the slow drifts?
  - Improve realism using timestamp of $0C?
- Implications for using Param data and Event timing:
  - Event data also timestamped (plus ms since $00 event)
  - Can we take event timestamps at face value when training nets with events & parameter as inputs?